

The Office of the Governor **Proclamation**

Executive Department State of Idaho State Capitol Boise

WHEREAS, the current and projected healthcare workforce shortage is creating a healthcare crisis across the nation; and

WHEREAS, healthcare employment growth between 2000-2010 is projected to be 29% while all other industry segments are projected to have a combined employment growth of 14%; and

WHEREAS, 4.6 million new workers, including 1 million nurses, will be needed over the next 10 years; and

WHEREAS, one in ten non-agriculture workers are employed in healthcare; and

WHEREAS, the explosion of technology in healthcare and an unprecedented aging population contribute to the national healthcare workforce shortage; and

WHEREAS, today's students have opportunities to begin preparation for a healthcare career as early as high school; and

WHEREAS, students' academic achievements can be strengthened through health science applications; and

WHEREAS, students expand their career knowledge leading to wise career decision-making, through support of the partnerships formed between healthcare stakeholders and educators; and

WHEREAS, strengthening partnerships between educators and healthcare professionals is essential to ensuring that students are prepared to meet current and projected staffing needs;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, JAMES E. RISCH, Governor of the State of Idaho, do hereby proclaim November 13-17, 2006 to be

HEALTHCARE IN PARTNERSHIP WITH EDUCATION RECOGNITION WEEK

in Idaho.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of Idaho at the Capitol in Boise on this 2nd day of November in the year of our Lord two-thousand and six and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred thirty-first and of the Statehood of Idaho the one hundred seventeenth.

JAMES E. RISCH GOVERNOR

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